

The Honorable Michael K. Powell  
Chairman  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Chairman Powell:

I am writing to urge you to not support the pending merger of EchoStar and HUGHES, the parent company of DIRECTV. Although I am not a DIRECTV customer, I believe the merger will increase video and broadband choices for consumers like me because the combined company will provide increased competition to cable companies but create a monopoly for the satellite company.

The combined company merger will be a much stronger monopoly and create higher prices for satellite subscription rates, and cable operators by being able to offer me local TV channels via satellite in my market area, which I am not entitled to due to the current laws.

I currently have broadband access to the Internet, but the combination of EchoStar and HUGHES will result in increased competition in the broadband market by providing an unaffordable high-speed Internet service nationwide via satellite.

I appreciate your consideration of my views.

Sincerely,

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